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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Thomas J. Kelly et al.) GAU: 3726
Ser. No. 09/944,708) Examiner:
Filed: August 31, 2001) Marc Jimenez
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A)
NICKEL-BASE ALLOY WELDING FILLER METAL)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action of December 4, 2002. Claims 1-13 are pending. Claims 6, 7, 12, and 13 are objected to, and claims 1-5 and 8-11 are rejected. In response, the following remarks are submitted. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is requested.

Applicant acknowledges the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 6, 7, 12, and 13. However, Applicant believes that the respective parent claims 1 and 9 are allowable over the applied prior art, and will therefore not write these claims in independent form at this time.

Claims 1-5 and 8-11 are rejected under 35 USC 103 as unpatentable over Hunt '186 in view of King '886. Applicant traverses this ground of rejection.